

COUNTRY East Germany 25X1A REPORT NO. 25X1

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and Supply Shipments by Rail

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 23 May to 19 June 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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 1. The following military shipments from Brest Litovsk to Jueterbog-Altes Lager were observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station between 27 May and 5 June 1953:

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Date	Shipment
27 May	38 flatcars with 38 M-13 rocket launchers
2 June	15 boxcars and 45 flatcars with soldiers and 50 new 3-axle armored personnel carriers
5 June	22 boxcars and 15 flatcars with soldiers, 2 tank trucks and 8 new trucks

2. Daily leave trains observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station between 23 May and 12 June included:

From Brest Litovsk.

25X1 Leave train, 10 cars with 250 to 300 officers and EM

25X1 Leave train, 10 cars with about 250 officers and EM

25X1 Leave train, 1. with about 50 officers and EM; the train went to Wildpark.

To Brest Litovsk.

25X1 Leave train, 10 cars with about 250 officers and EM

25X1 Leave train, 11 cars with about 250 officers and EM

25X1 Leave train, 10 cars with about 50 officers from Wildpark

3. Troop trains on 9 June included:

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	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
25X1X	15 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 41 flatcars	Forst Zinna	undetermined <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div> 4
25X1X	3 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 5 flatcars	Friedersdorf	Rathenow 5
25X1	205 cars	Justerbog- Altes Lager	Wolmirstedt 6

4. the following empty railroad cars were to be made available between 10 and 14 June:

	<u>Date in June</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Railroad Station</u>	
25X1X	10	13 RRY-type flatcars	Halle	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>
		13 RRY-type flatcars	Kirchmoesser	7
	13	14 converted boxcars and 30 flatcars	Rathenow	8
25X1	14	46 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 6 kitchen cars	Neuruppin	9

5. tank cars dispatched to Werneuchen included 5 cars on 13 June, and 12 cars on 15 June.

6. Troop trains on 12 and 14 June included:

	<u>Date in June</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
25X1C 25X1	12	11 boxcars and 26 flatcars	847	Frankfurt/Oder	Altengrabow
25X1X 25X1C 25X1C	14	15 boxcars, 39 flatcars and 3 gondola cars	855	Rathenow	Vogelsang

7. on 19 June, a troop train of 1 boxcar and 22 flatcars went from Wildpark to Neubrandenburg. 11

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[] Comment. This train with rocket launchers was observed at Frankfurt/
Oder [] on the same day. The train proceeded toward Cottbus.

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[] Comment. Compare with the report [] on a troop train
at the Forst Zinna railroad station which, at 2 p.m. on 3 June 1953, was
loaded with 100 soldiers, 50 3-axle armored scout cars and 5 trucks of the
6th Gds Tank Div and left toward Justerbog. [] Possibly
armored personnel carriers or armored scout cars were exchanged.

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[] Comment. During the same period in 1952, the volume of daily leave traffic
from and to Brest Litovsk was about 550 soldiers.

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[] Comment. [] indicated that the troop train []
[] went to Neuruppin with a combined artillery unit of
the 12th Gds Tank Div on 9 June 1953. []

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[] Comment. A Friedersdorf railroad station is located in the Erz Gebirge.
On 8 April 1953, a troop train [] went from Dresden
to Friedersdorf. As Friedersdorf is not carried as military post or supply
point, the unit has not been identified. On 10 June 1953,
mattress covers and baggage were unloaded from boxcars by about 60 soldiers with
black-bordered black epaulets at the Rathenow railroad station and loaded on
trucks of the 9th Tank Div or 8th Gds Mecz Div. [] herefore,
it is rather definitely believed that the troop train mentioned in the present
report came from Friedersdorf in Saxony. The reason for the movement is unknown.

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[] Comment. Considering the situation on 9 June 1953, the assembling of 205
cars at Wolmirstedt is still unclear. The number of cars was possibly mistaken.

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[] Comment. The RRY-type flatcars were probably used for the tanks which were
dispatched from Kirchmoeser to Wildpark on 13 June 1953. []

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[] Comment. Vogelsang as receiving station indicates that the troop train
carried a unit probably of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The movement was possibly
connected with the termination of a field exercise conducted by units of this
army. During the same period, troops were also entrained at Wittenberge and Gloewen.
Possibly the field exercises commenced in the Wittstock area on about 6 June
and ended on the Elbe River on 13 June 1953. []

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[] Comment. The troop train possibly carried a component of the 32nd AAA Div
(US) to Altengrabow for combat firing practice. Previous combat firing practices,
however, by light AAA units of this division were conducted in the Justerbog area.

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[] Comment. This is the first troop train reported after the uprising in
East Germany. Receiving station and SSY-type flatcars indicate that the train
carried elements of the unidentified heavy tank SP regiment of the 9th Gds Tank
Div. It is believed that this is the first indication that components of this
division were also employed in the Berlin area.

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